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Comité mundial de los trabajadores de Tenaris
Tenaris Workers' World Council
Consiglio Sindacale Mondiale dei lavoratori di Tenaris
Comité mundial dos trabalhadores da Tenaris
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International Statement
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The Tenaris Workers' World Council who represent the Unions who's members are employed by Tenaris, met in Italy on October 28, 29, 30, 2009. During our meeting we identified a number of issues:

First remind that Tenaris stated that it is a Company who cares about their workers, their families and the communities they live in. With Tenaris' recent actions its seems it has lost sight of what once was the Corporate Responsibility Statement.

We believe that Tenaris has set out a plan to exploit the world economic crisis, and take advantage of the crisis to increase the revenue for the shareholders, at the expense of our collective agreements and the workers who work for Tenaris.

We reject the announced plan to close plants or reduce 1024 workers in the plants of Tenaris Dalmine in Italy. And, we express our solidarity with the workers and unions' struggles against the above mentioned plan.

In Colombia, Tenaris must enter into meaningful negotiations with SINTRATUCAR that will result in a fair collective agreement, defining working conditions, wages and benefits, and treating Colombian Union members with the dignity and respect they deserve. We reprove that in Tenaris' plants the elected leaders of your unions receive death treats since it is the responsibility of the employer to warranty health, physical integrity and life of all its workers.

The Colombian example shows the need that Tenaris engage with the International Metalworkers Federation in the process to negotiate an International Framework Agreement that ensure the basic rights of all workers of Tenaris in all its plants in the world.

Tenaris, in many parts of the world, has used the world economic crisis to manipulate the collective bargaining process and obtain agreements that either contained concessions, no increase at all or meager increases that fall well short of any cost of living consideration. These do not solve the world economic crisis and the only people who benefit are the shareholders. We insist that in these locations the agreed agreements get reopened to improve wages and working conditions.

Economic globalization imposes a globalization of union actions. As such, the recognition of the Tenaris Workers' World Council by Tenaris is a natural consequence of the decision of Tenaris to go global.

Tenaris, once more, has show its arrogance by refusing to accept a letter of this Council on Oct. 29, 2009 in Bergamo delivered by hand by Rob Johnson, Executive Director of the International Metalworkers Federation and the members of this council. Therefore, we will use all other methods (including all means of international communication) to ensure Tenaris, its shareholders, its workers and their families as well as others in our communities hear and understand our demands.

Concluding, this Council has decided to implement a plan of action, starting with an International Day of Action in all plants the week of Nov. 23, 2009. This plan of action also include a delegation to Colombia to show practical support to SINTRATUCAR and ensure the safety of its leaders.